

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Irene Mathilda Swanson was born on November 25, 1904, at her family's home in Canton, South Dakota, the oldest of ten children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Irene married Tord Emil Hildring on June 6, 1931, at Grandview Covenant in Larchwood, Iowa, and to this union two children were born: Gordon and Robert; and,

Whereas, Irene lovingly cared for their son, Gordon, until his untimely death at the age of six due to a heart condition, as well as their son, Robert, who later married and blessed her life with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Irene worked tirelessly helping Emil with numerous farming duties, as well as managing the home, gardening, baking traditional Swedish dishes that have become family favorites, doing tasks too many to list for her church, and still finding time to enrich the lives of her grandchildren; and,

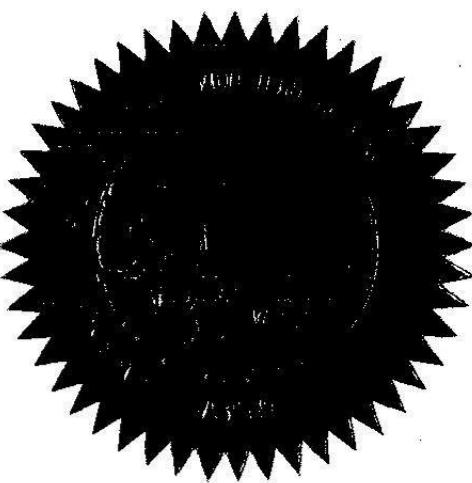
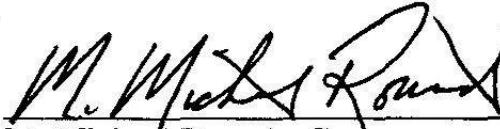
Whereas, Irene will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather at the Sioux Falls Luther Manor on November 28, 2004, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2004, as

IRENE HILDRING DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State